

MORE NAVY YARD MEN ARE DROPPED; OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Many of the 42 Forced to Take Leave Yesterday Veteran Employees.

"HARD LUCK, NO ANSWER." OFFICIALS' VIEWPOINT

Survey to Determine Availability of Yard for Other Government Work Being Made.

Forty-two men were added to the list of the 1,350 already on leave without pay, at the Washington navy yard yesterday, and it is understood today that 100 more employees are to be placed in this class next week.

Many of the men dropped yesterday were veterans of the yard, some of them having been there during their entire working careers.

Officials at the Navy Department declined to comment directly on the situation. The general sentiment is: "It's hard luck, but there's no answer for the problem."

It was admitted by an official at the Navy Department that plans for a survey of the yard for other government work had been drawn up and the survey partly completed, with a view to discovering the adaptability of the yard for the work of other government departments.

Administrative Matter. The entire project was an administrative matter, for consideration by the President and the cabinet, inasmuch as other departments were concerned, and that no action could be taken without the approval of the President.

Every effort of the representatives of the 1,350 men now out of work is being made to obtain a transfer to other government work.

President Philip King of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, who has been active in giving a practical demonstration of its faith in the future by not disturbing the personnel of the navy yard, said today:

"We believe that now is the time to go forward in everything. At the Navy Department today surprise was expressed that the men evidently did not know of the coming of the decrease in force."

It was pointed out by one official, the Navy Department stand seems to be as follows:

"The stand of the executive committee of the Columbia Lodge, 174 of the navy yard, is somewhat from the official view of the subject. The committee of the lodge has given today by a union official as follows:

"Last July, at the behest of the Navy Department, the force at the yard went on a five-day week, with the assurance that, in this case, there was ample work and ample appropriations to keep the yard until the start of the next fiscal year."

"This action, therefore, was taken. Later on September 1, the force was reduced to 100 men from 50 cents per hour to 73 cents, and it was thought that this step might save the jobs of the employees."

VASSAR GIRLS HAVE EYE ON FUTURE IN GIVING AID TO MEN'S COLLEGE FUND

By the Associated Press.
ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., February 11.—Vassar girls are so anxious to get more men in their neighborhood that they are planning further activities to help along the campaign for \$500,000 to enlarge St. Stephen's College, near here. More men for St. Stephen's, they argue, means more dancing partners for Vassar.

Miss Helen C. Holb, a junior from New Rochelle, made two pounds of fudge, which was sold at auction St. Stephen's annual freshman dance last night. It brought what is considered the second highest price for the world—\$25.50 a pound.

The Vassar girls helped bid it up. St. Stephen's is the only college of liberal arts for men in the entire Hudson valley below Albany.

By the Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, February 11.—Along with lines the investigation into the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, would proceed today was not divulged by Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, but he said it would be vigorously continued.

Whether an arrest made by two police detectives here last night will prove to be the first arrest here in connection with the Taylor murder was to be determined by investigation today.

Walter Thiele, twenty-five years of age, who said he was born in Oakland and has been in Los Angeles for a year, was taken into custody shortly before midnight and booked at the city jail on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and suspicion of burglary. During examination of Mabel Normand by District Attorney Woolwine, Thiele was reported to have been a blood-stained cap reported to have been worn by Thiele at the time of the murder.

David Adams, captain of detectives, included Thiele among the more than a dozen men who were being investigated in connection with the Taylor case.

Thiele's conviction that Thiele had no connection with, nor could he have any information concerning the Taylor case. A blood-stained cap found in Thiele's room, the captain said, has been turned over to the police.

Mr. Woolwine said he had been told by a police officer that Thiele had been arrested, he connected him with a "vital element" in the case.

Four Detectives Present. Four detectives were in attendance at the district attorney's office at different periods during the examination of Miss Normand and Davis, and they reported to have started on unnamed missions early this morning.

Miss Normand, I believe, has told me everything she knew about the case," said Mr. Woolwine, after he and Mr. Doran had talked with her. "It includes nothing more than connecting Sands with the case than was in evidence previously submitted to the jury."

When he reported the discovery to the sheriff, he was shown a copy of a Los Angeles police bulletin, and said the description there matched that of the man on the river bank in all the major details.

Postpones Visit to Shack. Fearing that any attempt to go to the shack last night would scare the man away into the underbrush, where he would be impossible to locate, the district attorney decided to postpone a visit to the shack until tomorrow.

DEMOCRATS' FIRST IMPULSE IS TO O.K. HARDING TREATIES

Held Not Cohesive Enough to Defeat Pacts Laid Before the Senate.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS STIRS UP DISCUSSION

General Disposition Is to Accept Executive's Interpretation of Texts of Agreements.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.
The first impulse of the democrats in the United States Senate is to ratify the group of treaties submitted by President Harding, though in so doing they have in their hearts an unmistakable feeling that they ought to make an exception of the four-power Pacific treaty.

This treaty, which puts an end to the Anglo-Japanese alliance, will be considered last and will be debated more than the others.

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SENATORS TAKE UP 4-POWER TREATY

Foreign Relations Committee Considers First of Pacts Resulting From Parley.

Consideration of the four-power Pacific treaty, one of the seven laid before the Senate yesterday by President Harding as the products of the Washington conference, was begun today by the Senate foreign relations committee, which, after a lengthy discussion of the pact, adjourned to meet again Tuesday.

No definite program for consideration of the four-power and the other treaties was agreed upon today by the committee. There was no demand for hearings, however, and senators said they probably would be dispensed with.

Four-Power Pact First. The four-power treaty was taken up first today by the Senate foreign relations committee, which, after a lengthy discussion of the pact, adjourned to meet again Tuesday.

Indications were reported to have been given that there would be considerable opposition to the treaty, and negotiations for its ratification have been brought up. A half dozen of the committee members, including some of both political parties, however, were present today.

Together with the treaties the foreign relations committee had before it today were the American declaration of the Washington conference. This report, along with the treaties, was presented to the Senate yesterday by President Harding, who asked ratification of the new pacts without delay in order that America's position in the world of war may not become a hollow mockery.

To Sign Treaty. Arrangements have been made for the signature of the treaties by President Harding today at the White House. The President is expected to sign the treaties today at the White House.

President Harding has received a decision from Attorney General Daugherty that Senator William S. Kenyon of Iowa is legally qualified to sit as a judge of the United States circuit court. It was learned at the White House yesterday.

Senator Kenyon was recently nominated for the eighth district and the nomination was ratified by the Senate yesterday. The President asked an opinion on the appointment because the senator's eligibility has been questioned in some quarters because of a constitutional provision that excludes a congressman from taking a civil post office employment during the term of the senator or representative in question.

The Attorney General found that the salary of the judgeship had been raised from \$7,000 to \$8,000 February 1, 1919, but Senator Kenyon is not affected, because his present term did not start until March 4, 1919.



BUS ROOF SPOONERS WILL BE DRIVEN OUT BY GLARE OF LIGHTS

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, February 11.—Interests of those couples who in past years have used the roofs of 5th avenue busses for courting rendezvous are in peril. The corporation is contemplating purchase of "two-deck" vehicles to replace the present open-topped affairs. The new busses have an electrically lighted upper deck—a distinct disadvantage, considered from the point of view of sweethearts.

The change is contemplated because the vehicles now in use have no roof, and in rainy or stormy weather their carrying facilities are limited. The new bus is designed to carry fifty-one passengers comfortably in all weathers.

WILL ENFORCE LAW ON CALVERT BRIDGE

"The police regulations governing traffic on the Calvert Street bridge will be enforced, no matter how many policemen it takes."

This was the statement today of Commissioner Oyster, who has supervision over the police department. "Engineers have declared the bridge safe," said the Commissioner, "but if there are traffic regulations governing the bridge they must be complied with."

The regulations fix a speed limit of eight miles for vehicles crossing that and all other wooden-rod bridges. The police also specify that six tons, including the truck, shall be the weight limit of heavy vehicles on the Calvert Street bridge. Vehicles exceeding six tons may cross the bridge only after receiving a special permit.

Up to the present time no policemen have been especially detailed to the bridge. The regulations, however, are being enforced by the police. The regulations fix a speed limit of eight miles for vehicles crossing that and all other wooden-rod bridges. The police also specify that six tons, including the truck, shall be the weight limit of heavy vehicles on the Calvert Street bridge.

It is obvious, however, that an officer who must traverse the bridge in the middle of the day, and who is not paid for his services, is not likely to be very strict in enforcing the regulations.

While the members of the committee felt somewhat assured by reports of engineers who have been inspecting the bridge, and who pronounced them to be in a safe condition, there is, nevertheless, the feeling that the bridge, besides being a menace to traffic and a hazard to the lives of the people, is a menace to the city's reputation.

Other chairmen named yesterday for the investigation of the bridge were: James Sharkey, Chairman of the Committee on Bridges; Fred S. Swindell, Chairman of the Committee on Bridges; and Edward E. Walton, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Bridges.



LOOKS FOR DRASTIC LAW ON DIVORCES

Judge Norton, After Review, Describes Conditions in Alexandria as "Horrible."

From a Staff Correspondent of The Star.
ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 11.—The Virginia legislature during the present session will enact legislation to correct the so-called divorce evil which is alleged to exist in the state, especially in Alexandria, according to Judge J. K. M. Norton, who is a member of the committee appointed by the local bar association to investigate the divorce situation here.

In making this prediction Judge Norton declared that "conditions are horrible in Alexandria" and that he believed that the people of this state generally are aroused and that a more stringent divorce law must be enacted.

Judge Norton has just returned from Richmond, Va., where he attended the hearing before the committee of the state legislature on the several bills proposed to correct the divorce law. From his observations, after being in the atmosphere of the state capitol, he is convinced that some good law will be enacted.

Says Remedy Is Demanded. Judge Norton explained that he was not forming his judgment solely from the reports of the local bar association, but also from realization that the citizens of Alexandria and elsewhere throughout the state are eager for some remedy. He stated that considerable feeling is known to exist among the people of the state, and he is convinced that the members of the legislature are thoroughly aroused to correct the situation.

Judge Norton did not care to venture an opinion as to which one of the proposed bills would be passed, but he did say, and with much emphasis, that the bill as drafted by the local bar association, and which has since been introduced by Wilbur C. Hall, delegate from the local bar association, is the one which he believed would be passed.

He said it embodies every necessary feature intended to close the loopholes in the present law, and that it is a very good bill. He said that the bill is a very good bill, and that it is a very good bill.

Speaks as Individual. An representative of the local bar association, who is a member of the committee, is presenting the latter bill to the legislature. He is a very good man, and he is a very good man.

U. S. REPLY TO GENOA INVITATION UNCERTAIN. America's reply to the invitation to attend the economic conference at Genoa, recently sent by the Italian government, is still uncertain, it was learned today at the White House, and the decision as to whether or not this government will participate has been postponed further.

The attitude of France as seen in President Poincaré's speech at the conference is postponed three months to give time for more careful advance preparation. The French government has been responsible for the United States' decision to withhold a reply for the time being.

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D. C. APPROPRIATION BILL UP ON MONDAY

Senate Subcommittee Believed Likely to Reinsert Stricken Items.

The District appropriation bill will be taken up for consideration by the Senate appropriations subcommittee tomorrow morning. The District Commissioners will be heard first, then other representatives of the District government and such witnesses as the committee may desire to hear.

Members of the Senate subcommittee are: Senator Phelps, chairman; Senators Curtis, Jones, of Washington, Spencer and Martin, of Maryland; Senators Glass, Owen and Jones of New Mexico, democrats. It is expected that the Senate committee will reinsert in the bill some of the items stricken out by the House.

SENATOR BALL INTRODUCES MEASURE PROPOSING NEW COMMISSION FOR D. C.

A bill providing for a Public Utilities Commission in the District, separate and distinct from the board of District Commissioners, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Ball of Delaware, chairman of the District committee.

The proposed new commission is to consist of three members, two of whom shall be residents of the District for at least five years prior to their appointment. The third member is to be an officer of the Engineer Corps of the Army. The commissioners are to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000, and requires the commission to employ a general counsel at a salary of \$10,000 a year. The bill also provides for the appointment of a public utility commission, and for the appointment of a public utility commission.

Senator Ball also introduced a bill to license all brokers and solicitors of insurance in the District of Columbia. The bill provides for the appointment of a public utility commission, and for the appointment of a public utility commission.

Justice Siddons, in Criminal Division 2 today, passed sentence on the five youths engaged in the attempted robbery of Frederick R. Schnurr, a barber, which resulted in the killing of Schnurr near his home, 1707 1st street northwest, January 22, 1921.

The young men were indicted for murder in the first degree, but were recently permitted to plead to lesser offenses.

Minimum Under the Law. John Niff, nineteen years old, who planned the robbery and stole the automobile in which the assault occurred from the scene of the crime, on his plea of guilty to murder in the second degree was given a term of twenty years in the penitentiary.

Leahie Shelby, seventeen years, who under the arrangement were to rob the automobile, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Milton Solomon, sixteen years old, pleaded guilty to an assault with intent to rob and was given eight years in the penitentiary.

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RULES NOW FORBID BUILDING OF TYPE OF KNICKERBOCKER

Engineer Commissioner Keller Reveals Changes in Regulations Since 1917.

The Knickerbocker Theater could not be built today as it was built in 1917, because of a change in the building regulations that was made after the completion of that theater. Engineer Commissioner Keller stated today.

This fact was revealed by Engineer Commissioner Keller when he called attention to the fact that the regulations were changed some time subsequent to the completion of the Knickerbocker. The change, however, was made long before the building collapsed.

The regulation in question provides that beams must have more support than the walls themselves when the walls are built of tile or brick and tile.

The regulations as they now stand, read as follows: "Solid masonry, piers or concrete columns must be built under all beams that support the roof, and the walls are built of tile or brick and tile."

The Engineer Commissioner stated that he has not received the report of Building Inspector John C. Healy, dealing with collapse of the theater, when he was in the city. He would make it public in whole or in part, if that course seemed to be in the public interest.

The committee appointed by the Engineer Commissioner to inspect all theaters in Washington after the Knickerbocker disaster is in recess today. Proceedings of yesterday afternoon's session are printed elsewhere in The Star today.

HOPES TO COLLECT OVER \$4,000,000

D. C. Assessor Estimates 1922 Revenue From Tangible and Intangible Property.

The District government expects to collect more than \$4,000,000 in tangible and intangible personal taxes this May, Assessor William P. Richards estimated today.

Last year the city collected in round numbers \$3,000,000 on tangible property and on the earnings of banks, public utilities and similar institutions, and \$1,000,000 on the personal property of individuals. This year the assessor believes both these figures will be passed.

Within the next few weeks the assessor will send out 30,000 notices to the owners of automobiles, and will assess their assessments on which this year's tax will be based.

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GYPSY ROMEO KIDNAPS BRIDE, BUT LAW SHATTERS LOVE DREAM

By the Associated Press.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., February 11.—Ancient gypsy tribal law ran afoul American criminal statutes here last night, when three persons landed in jail on warrants sworn out in Delaware, Pa.

Charles Hartshorn, a deaf ear to a story of gypsy love, and smashed the hopes of an alleged wandering Romeo, who was charged with kidnapping his Juliet from a rival clan in the Pennsylvania community.

The sheriff found George Peterson, twenty-one years, the alleged offender, making merry in a gypsy camp near Johnstown, Pa. Stanley, fourteen years, shared his tent, officers said. The girl was kidnapped from Johnstown, Pa., on December 17 last year, while on a visit to relatives, according to Dick Stanley, a brother of the girl. Constable William J. Delaney, Pa., who trailed the clan to Trondala. Besides Peterson, Mary

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